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AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND IN EDUCATIONAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Thailand have signed any agreement to cooperate with each other in the field of education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis on which the agreements have been signed by both the countries; and

(d) the progress made on the basis of the above agreement so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (d): India and Thailand had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in the field of Education on 3rd June, 2005 in New Delhi. The MoU envisages that participants will encourage, as appropriate, the development of contacts and cooperation between the educational institutions of the two countries, based on their respective academic, research and educational needs. The Participants will establish a Joint Working Group to oversee the implementation of the programmes. The Joint Working Group will be chaired, on behalf of the Ministry of Education of Thailand by a representative of the Ministry of Education, and on behalf of the Ministry of Human Resources Development of the Republic of India by a representative of the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, with participation by other government ministries and sector organisations, as appropriate. It is expected that both countries will mutually benefit by way of collaboration in education sector.

The MoU would facilitate the select counterpart institutions from the two countries to enter into specific arrangements within the broad areas of collaboration in Education sector.

The Government of India and the Government of Thailand have signed a Cultural Agreement on 29.4.1977. The MoU on Education has been signed to further the objectives of the Cultural Agreement.

The MoU has been circulated to all concerned organisations for implementation of relevant programme.